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APPARATUS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.